

1 elections hurt most the lowest income people in our
2 communities. They are inclined to participate the least in
3 these elections.

4 Secondly, I should like to point out that if we are
5 going to solve the problems of this State and the communities
6 in this State, we need the cooperative and integrated action
7 of the State government and the local governments. We do
8 need to make local governments strong and responsive and we
9 do need to make State government strong and responsive, but
10 an important part of the political process in this or in any
11 State is so to structure the political process that State
12 officials have to take account of and consider in their
13 politics local problems and so to structure the government
14 and so to structure the political system that local
15 officials must take into account State considerations when
16 they run for office.

17 It would be a tragic mistake to freeze into the
18 Constitution an isolation of local politics from State
19 politics. Politics is not something that can be neatly
20 subdivided by geographic boundaries and say this is local,
21 this is State. This is particularly true when we deal with